

Amendments to Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 4. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Figure 4. In Figure 4, reference number 400 has been changed to 401 because reference number 400 was previously used for a different component and figure.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006. Claims 1-16 were examined in the Office Action. Claims 1-16 were rejected. Examination and reconsideration based on this Amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(3) as being unpatentable by Kimoto, U.S. Patent No. 6,792, 577 B1 (hereinafter Kimoto), filed June 20, 2000. Applicants respectfully submit that Kimoto does not teach each and every feature of amended independent claims 1 and 9.

Claims 1 and 9

Applicants' amended claims 1 and 9 are drawn to a method and computer program product respectively, for representing formatting functionality available to an application program for applying to a document. The method comprises and the computer program product causes a computer to perform, among other features, (1) enumerating all formatting styles available to the document according to functionality of an application program creating or editing the document, (2) setting a default designation or the enumerated formatting styles as locked for use or locked for non-use, and (3) for any of the enumerated formatting styles that may be used or that may not be used in contradiction to the default designation for all enumerated formatting styles, designating said any of the enumerated formatting styles as an exception to the default designation. When the default designation is set as locked for non-use, the exceptions are available for use and include a minority of the enumerated formatting styles. In contrast, when the default designation is set as locked for use, the exceptions are not available for use and include a minority of the enumerated formatting styles.

In contrast, Kimoto only discloses enumeration of style sheets that are available for use. (See Kimoto column 7, lines 7-10). Thus, Kimoto does not teach enumerating all formatting styles available to the document and setting any enumerated formatting styles as locked for non-use. Also, Kimoto only discloses non-use of a style sheet if a user is not authorized. (See column 14, lines 30-34). In contrast, amended claims 1 and 9 recite setting the enumerated

formatting styles or default designations as locked for non-use or use. Thus, use of a certain formatting style is not based on whether a user is authorized. Use is based on the settings. Kimoto also does not teach when the default designation is set as locked for non-use, the exceptions are available for use and include a minority of the enumerated formatting styles. Kimoto only discloses defaulting for use not non-use as recited in amended claim 1. (Column 14, line 8).

At least for the reasons stated above with regard to amended claims 1 and 9, Kimoto does not teach or suggest amended claims 1 and 9. Thus, amended claims 1 and 9 are allowable over Kimoto.

Dependent Claims

At least because dependent claims 2-8 and 10-16 respectively incorporate the features of amended independent claims 1 and 9 dependent claims 2-8 and 10-16 are also allowable over Kimoto.


CONCLUSION

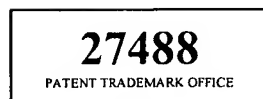
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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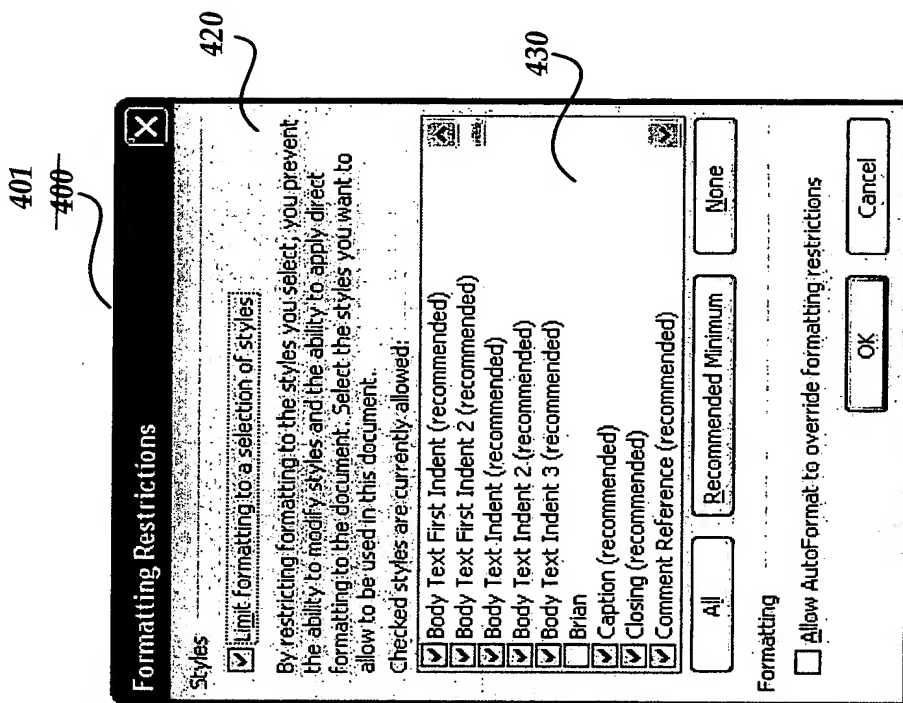


Fig. 4